



## SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

All rules will be strictly enforced. The team is responsible for the conduct of its players and spectators. Each individual is responsible for one's emotions and actions. There will be zero tolerance for rough play and foul language. Misconduct may result in penalizing an individual and/or team. The severity of the infraction will determine the penalty, and penalties may involve more than one season and more than one sport. Habitual misconduct or unsportsmanlike activity may jeopardize post season participation.

### DEFINITIONS

<b>Recreation Coordinator:</b>	The full-time employee of Parks and Recreation directly responsible for administration of the league.
<b>League Coordinator:</b>	Same as Recreation Coordinator.
<b>Site Supervisor:</b>	Part-time employee of Parks and Recreation assigned to coordinate league play at a specific site.
<b>Field/Gym Supervisor:</b>	Same as Site Supervisor.
<b>Official:</b>	Person or persons on the field to administer the official rules. Also includes Site Supervisor and City staff.
<b>Coach/Manager:</b>	A person designated as team spokesman. The person may be a player or non-player.
<b>Individual:</b>	Coach, manager, player, fan or spectator.
<b>Contest Area:</b>	The playing field/court and surrounding area.
<b>Minimum Penalty:</b>	Enforcement measure generally implemented at the contest area by the official or Site Supervisor.
<b>Maximum Penalty:</b>	Enforcement measure implemented after review by Parks and Recreation staff.

### A. Physical Contact Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: At any time strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to immediately suspend the individual from the current and any subsequent games on the same day.
  - League Coordinator is required to suspend the individual from further league play.
  - Maximum Penalty: Penalty will be determined after review by Parks and Recreation staff and assault charges may be filed.
2. No Individual Shall: Use unnecessarily rough tactics during the course of a game.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to immediately suspend the individual from the current and any subsequent games on the same day.
  - Maximum Penalty: Penalty will be determined after review by Parks and Recreation staff and assault charges may be filed.

## B. Verbal and Visual Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the contest area.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to suspend the individual from the current and any subsequent games on the same day.
  - Maximum Penalty: League Coordinator may suspend the individual from between two games, with probation or from further league play.
2. No Individual Shall: Use profane, obscene or vulgar language under any circumstances on or off the contest area.
  - Minimum Penalty: Warning by official or Site Supervisor.
  - Maximum Penalty: Suspension from the current and any subsequent game on that day and probation for the remainder of the season.
3. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent or unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing equipment or any other forceful actions.
  - Minimum Penalty: Warning from official or Site Supervisor
  - Maximum Penalty: Suspension from the current and any subsequent games on the same day.
4. No Individual Shall: Contend the decision of an official except the manager, coach or captain.
  - Minimum Penalty: Warning from official or Site Supervisor.
  - Maximum Penalty: Suspension from the current game.

## C. General Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: Refuse to abide by an official's decisions.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to suspend individuals from the current game.
  - Maximum Penalty: League Coordinator may suspend the individual from between two games and further league play.
2. No Individual Shall: Appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to immediately suspend the individual from the current and any subsequent games on the same day.
  - Maximum Penalty: League Coordinator may suspend the individual from between two games and further league play.
3. No Individual Shall: Consume alcoholic beverages while the team is participating in a game or in the contest area.
  - Minimum Penalty: Officials are required to forfeit the game in the opponent's favor.
  - Maximum Penalty: League Coordinator may suspend the individual/team from between two games and further league play.

## **ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE**

### **A. Suspended Player**

1. The Field Supervisor or game official may suspend a player from the current game.
2. A suspended player must remove him/her self immediately from the confines of the contest area at the direction of the Field Supervisor.
3. If a suspended player does not remove himself from the confines of the contest area then the team members are responsible for his removal.
4. Two-minute clause: At some point a player will be allowed two minutes to leave the confines of the contest area. If the time limit is not met the contest will be forfeited to the opponents.
5. A suspended player may remain in the park if he/she remains orderly. If there is an outburst of heckling or threats the player will be asked to leave the park. Failure to leave will cause his/her team to forfeit.

### **B. Suspension**

1. The League Coordinator shall be responsible for suspending player(s) from further league play.
2. Suspension from league play will result in the player(s) situation being reviewed by the Field Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator and Recreation Supervisor. Player removed from league play by an infraction of the player code of conduct cannot be replaced on the roster.